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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : VEHICLE INTERIOR MIRROR ASSEMBLY

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 of co-pending application Serial No. 09/997,579, filed November 29, 2001, by Patrick Heslin and Niall R. Lynam, entitled VEHICLE INTERIOR MIRROR ASSEMBLY INCLUDING AN ACCESSORY-CONTAINING HOUSING, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/433,467, filed on November 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,326,613, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/003,966, filed January 7, 1998, by Niall R. Lynam, now U.S. Patent No. 6,250,148.

1. Copy of Prior Application as Filed Which is Attached

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed (37 CFR 1.53). No amendments referred to in any Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter in that application.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed which is attached includes 12 pages of specification, 3 pages of claims (12 claims), 1 page of Abstract, 8 sheets of drawings, and Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned). A copy of the signed

Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed with the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application on January 6, 2000, is attached.

2. Amendments

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed including new claims 13-113 which have been numbered consecutively beginning with the number next succeeding the last claim in the parent application.

3. Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form

A copy of the Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

4. Filing Fee and Calculation

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| Basic Fee | \$ 750.00 |
| Additional Fees | |
| Each independent claim in excess of three, times \$84.00 | \$.00 |
| Number of claims in excess of twenty, times \$18.00 | \$1458.00 |
| Filing multiple dependent claims per application \$280.00 | \$.00 |
| Total Filing Fee | \$2208.00 |

A check in the amount of \$2208 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

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- a) Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims for which full payment has not been tendered.

b) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for which full payment has not been tendered.

5. Drawings

Eight (8) sheets of drawings are enclosed and are copies of those filed in the grandparent application. Five (5) sheets of corrected, formal drawings are enclosed with the Preliminary Amendment.

6. Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent applications, namely, Serial No. 09/997,579, Serial No. 09/433,467, now U.S. Patent No. 6,326,613 and Serial No. 09/003,966, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,250,148 be considered in the present application. A disclosure statement is enclosed.

7. Inventorship Statement

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120, the inventors in this application are the same, namely, Patrick Heslin and Niall R. Lynam.

8. Assignment

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation, a corporation of the State of Michigan, located and doing business at 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423. That Assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 3, 2000, at Reel 10522, Frame 622.

9. Power of Attorney

The original Power of Attorney in the grandparent application Serial No. 09/433,467 is to Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP and the individual attorneys and agents at said address, consisting of Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner,

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10. Verification

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that the accompanying return postcard; check in the amount of \$2208 (filing fee); Request for Filing Continuation Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (in duplicate); Bibliographic Data Sheet; copy of application as originally filed including: 12 pgs. of specification, 3 pgs. of claims (12 claims), 1 pg. Abstract, 8 sheets of drawings and copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned) and copy of Declaration (signed) as filed January 6, 2000; Preliminary Amendment including claims 13-113 with attached five (5) sheets of formal drawings, and Information Disclosure Statement with attached 2 sheets of form PTO-1449 and copy of 1 reference are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope having Express Mail Label No. EV327022351US addressed to:

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